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LUKE PEARSON BEGAN HIS CAREER IN PRIMARY SCHOOL (DRAWING COMICS ABOUT 'SUPER RABBIT' AND A SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED BOOKS ON LINED PAPER ABOUT 'CLEANING TEDDY', A TEDDY BEAR THAT MAGICALLY CAME TO LIFE JUST TO GO AROUND CLEANING THINGS,) BEFORE GOING ON HIATUS IN ORDER TO STUDY 'ART'. AFTER GRADUATING WITH AN ILLUSTRATION DEGREE IN 2010, HE IS NOW STAGING HIS COMEBACK.

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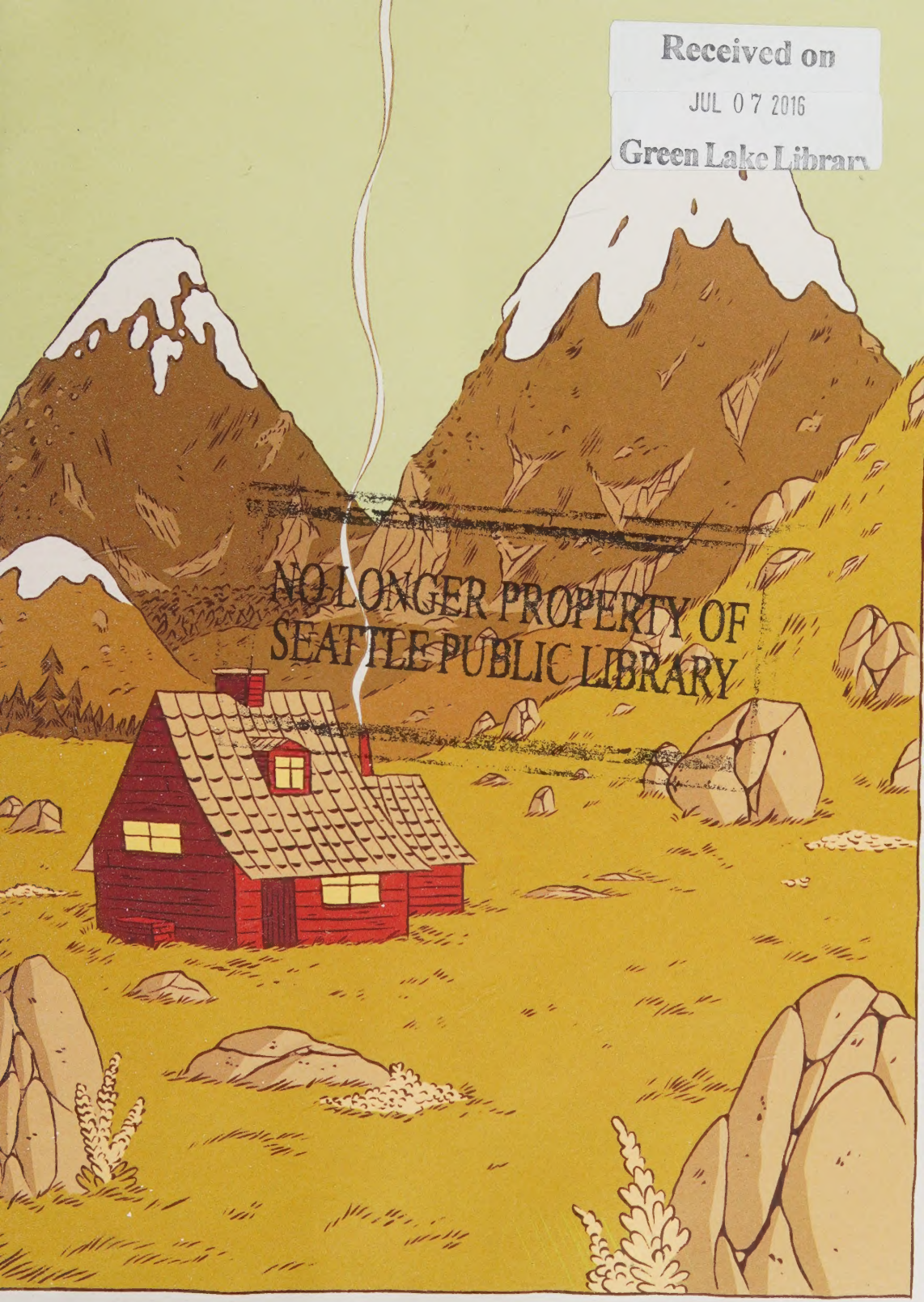

IT'S LOOKING LIKE THERE'LL BE CLEAR SKIES ON THE FELLS THIS MORNING ...
TROLLS
..CHANCE OF SNOW TOMORROW AND IN THE COMING DAYS..
TROLLS AND OTHER DANGEROUS CREATURES
BUT TONIGHT, CLOUDS ROLLING IN FROM THE EAST ... TEMPERATURES REMAIN MILD..
... WITH THE LIKELIHOOD OF HEAVY RAIN..
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TROLLS AND OTHER DANGEROUS CREATURES

MUM! MUM!
IT'S GOING TO RAIN TONIGHT! CAN I SLEEP IN THE TENT?
OHH, I SHOULD THINK SO.. AS LONG AS YOU..
-OH LOOK. YOU'VE GONE AND LET THE WOOD MAN IN AGAIN.
NOT THAT GUY...
SHUT
WHAT IS THIS GUY'S PROBLEM?

NOTHING MAKES YOU APPRECIATE THE FEELING OF BEING SNUG MORE..
WHEN YOUR PROTECTION IS CANVAS THIN..
A MILLION ASSAULTS ON MY COSYNESS, THWARTED NOISILY EVERY TIME.

RRAR RARR
A MONSTER!
A MONSTER...
RUMMAGE
OF COURSE COSYNESS IS EVEN MORE APPRECIATED WITH A FRIEND.
EVEN A SOGGY ONE.

yawwn..
YOU SLEPT WELL THEN?
WELL, THE WIND SHOOK THE TENT ALL NIGHT..
IT WAS COLD, WET... OVERALL PRETTY TRAUMATIC.. BUT..
SUCH IS THE LIFE OF THE ADVENTURER.
NOM NOM NOM NOM
MOTHER, I'M GOING TO GO UP THE HILL FOR THE DAY TO DO SOME DRAWING..
OKAY SWEETIE. BE BACK FOR DINNER. AND DRAW ME SOMETHING NICE!
I'M DRAWING ROCKS!

SPLENDID...
MUM!
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH YOU? WHY DO YOU KEEP COMING IN HERE UNINVITED?
LEAVE HIM BE HILDA. I THINK HE COMES TO KEEP WARM OR SOMETHING. AND BESIDES, HE BRINGS US WOOD.
WELL I STILL THINK HE'S VERY RUDE. AND A WEIRDO TOO..
..DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN HOUSE?

A SEA SPIRIT!
POOR THING. IT MUST HAVE DRIFTED DOWN THE FJORD AND GOTTEN LOST.
I WONDER WHERE IT'LL END UP.. I WONDER IF IT MATTERS..
HEY.. THIS ROCK .. IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE .. LIKE...
A TROLL ROCK!

BY DAY, IT'S NOTHING BUT A PECULIAR LOOKING ROCK. BUT BY DARKNESS...
TROLLS
...IT TAKES THE FORM OF A FIERCE AND POWERFUL TROLL!
I MUST DRAW IT.. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM COMING THIS FAR DOWN THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE.
LUCKILY I WAS PREPARED FOR THIS PRECISE EVENTUALITY.
I NEED YOU TO TAKE THIS BELL, TWIG-
-AND TIE IT AROUND HIS NOSE. THAT WAY, IF HE BUDGES, WE'LL HEAR IT.
NOT THAT HE WILL...
..YOU KNOW, JUST IN CASE A CLOUD GOES OVER OR SOMETHING..

GOOD JOB! NOW, TO DRAW!
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OH NO! THE SUN'S SETTING! AND THE TROLL..
HE COULD BE ANYWHERE!
WE HAVE TO RUN, TWIG...

AS FAST AS WE CAN.
PANT
WHEEE

WELL, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT TROLL ISN'T FINDING US. BUT WE ARE IN A BIG SCARY FOREST..
..WE'RE LOST..
..AND PROBABLY SURROUNDED BY ALL MANNER OF WEIRD CREATURES.
KIND OF COOL HUH?
KRONCH
A GIANT! I BET HE KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING.

DAMN IT!
EVERYWHERE LOOKS THE SAME FROM UP HERE..
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, TWIG. AND SOON.
THERE'S NO POINT DYING IF NO ONE KNOWS HOW IT HAPP- SNIFF..
SMOKE! SOMEONE'S GOT A FIRE NEAR BY!
COME ON!

I KNEW IT! WE'RE SAVED!
I'M SURE THEY WON'T MIND IF WE LET OURSELVES IN. WE ARE IN DISTRESS.
HELLO? IS ANY-BODY HOME?

LATER..
THANKS A LOT FOR BRINGING ME HOME.
I STILL DON'T GET IT THOUGH.. WHY YOU COME HERE, WHEN YOU HAVE SUCH A COOL HOUSE..
I'M AWARE OF TOO MUCH IN MY OWN HOUSE TO EVER BE TRULY COMFORTABLE IN IT.
LATER STILL..
WHAT A NOTEWORTHY DAY.

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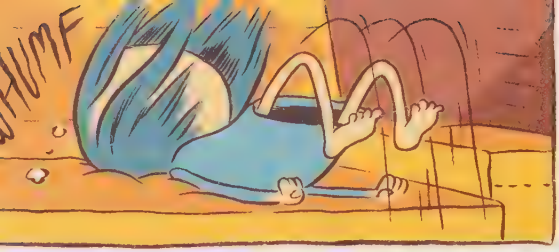
WELL, THIS IS IT. WE KNEW THE RISKS.
NOW WE MUST ANSWER TO CRUEL INEVITABILITY.
I MEAN, DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M SERIOUSLY APPRECIATING MY COSYNESS RIGHT NOW.
BUT I FEAR A TROLL HITS HARDER THAN RAIN..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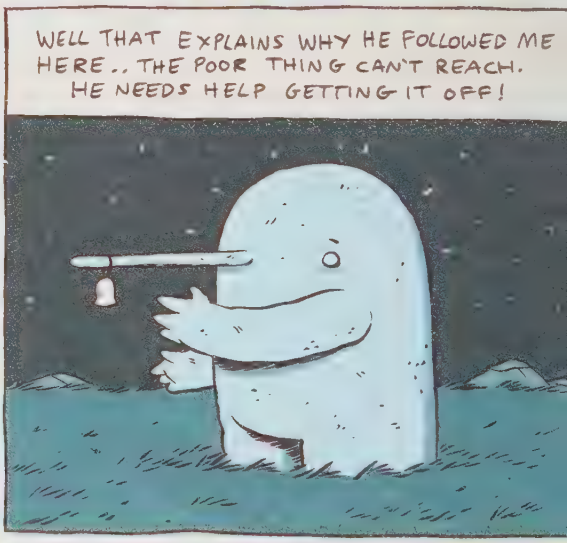
I'M READY.

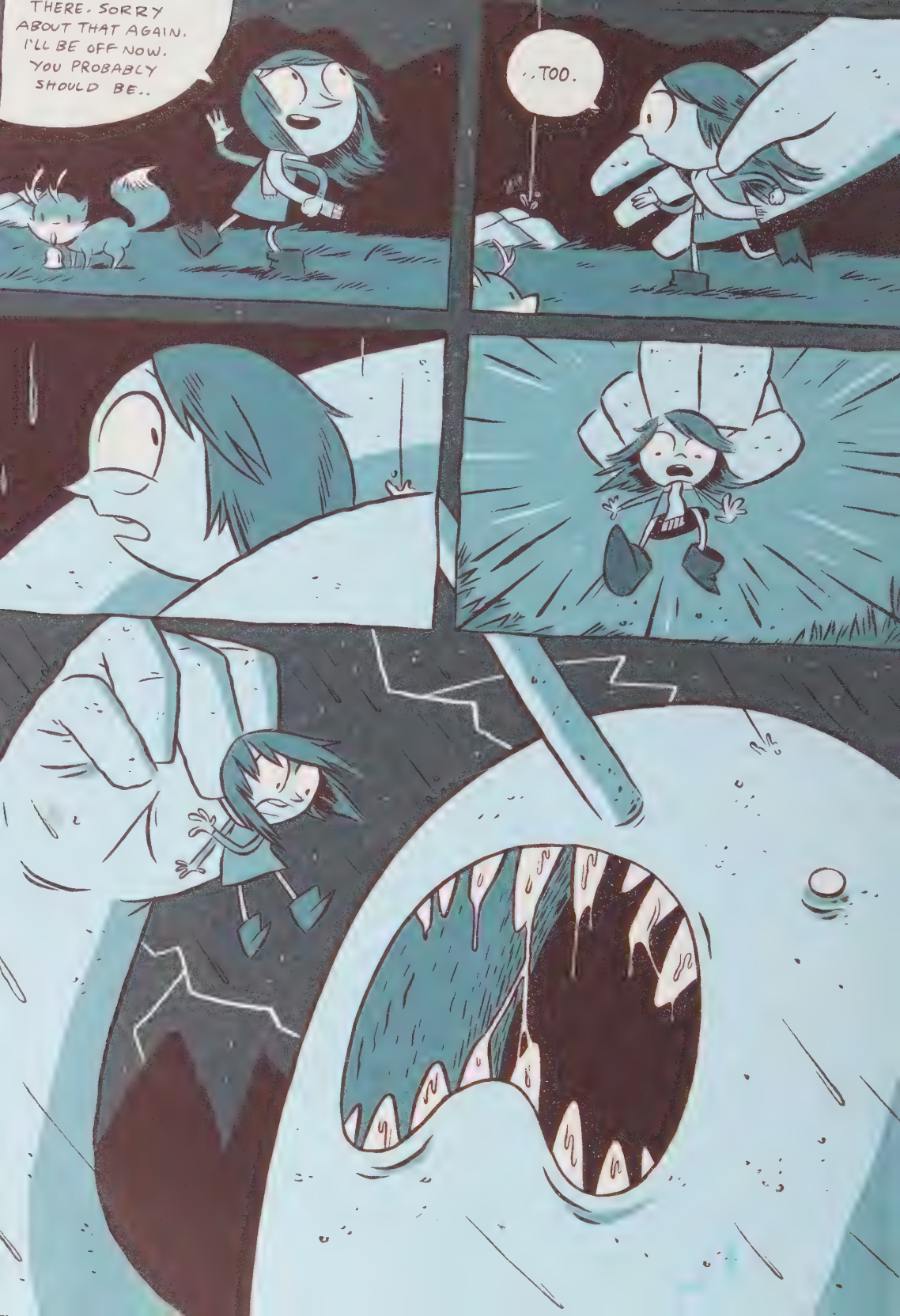
OR I WOULD BE... WHAT'S HE WAITING FOR? HE JUST KEEPS SWINGING AROUND THAT INFERNAL BELL!
Jingle
Jingle

I THINK YOU HAVE IT. ACCORDING TO THIS, TROLLS CAN'T STAND THE SOUND OF A BELL'S TOLL. THE BELL TRICK IS NOWADAYS COMMONLY ACCEPTED TO BE RATHER CRUEL.
TROLLS

...DIDN'T YOU READ THAT FAR?
TROLLS


WELL THAT EXPLAINS WHY HE FOLLOWED ME HERE.. THE POOR THING CAN'T REACH. HE NEEDS HELP GETTING IT OFF!

ONE SHOULD ALWAYS READ THE WHOLE BOOK
THEY'RE NO
FOR DIPPIN
SHUSH YOU!
CREEAK
I... I'M SORRY UM... SIR... TWIG?
JINGLE
JINGLE
JING


THERE. SORRY ABOUT THAT AGAIN. I'LL BE OFF NOW. YOU PROBABLY SHOULD BE..
..TOO.

HEY! MY SKETCHBOOK!
(I forgot all about it..)
YOU BROUGHT IT ALL THIS WAY TO GIVE IT BACK?!
UHumf
I KNEW TROLLS WERE NICE I JUST KNEW IT! I THOUGHT IT ALL ALONG! COME INSIDE, I'LL DRAW YOU ANOTHER PICTURE AS A THANK YOU GIFT! WE CAN BE FRIENDS, BEST FRIENDS! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH A-
..OH.
GOOD BYE THEN..
OH NO, THE PICTURE'S ALL RUINED NOW ANYWAY. IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING ...

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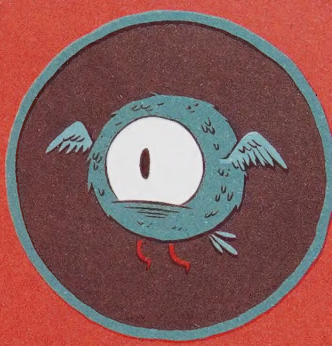

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